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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: YEFREMOV ON US-USSR RELATIONS  
FOR THE SECRETARY.

1. I WAS INVITED TO LUNCH BY THE SWEDISH AMBASSADOR  
ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, HELD AT A FARMHOUSE ABOUT  
40 MILES FROM BERLIN. THOSE PRESENT WERE THE  
AMBASSADORS OF GREAT BRITAIN, AUSTRIA, PAKISTAN,  
DENMARK, SOVIET UNION, PORTUGAL AND ALFRED B. NEUMANN,  
GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OF THE GDR.  
IT WAS A BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR THE SWEDISH AMBASSADOR,  
AND HE MADE IT A HAPPY, LIGHT OCCASION. TOASTS WERE  
GIVEN BY THE BRITISH AND AUSTRIAN AMBASSADORS IN THE  
SAME SPIRIT.

2. SOVIET AMBASSADOR YEFREMOV THEN SPOKE FOR TEN  
MINUTES, PAYING HIS RESPECTS TO THE SWEDISH AMBASSADOR,  
THE GDR, THE AUSTRIAN, SAYING HIS COUNTRY LIKED AUSTRIA'S  
NEUTRALITY. HE SPENT AT LEAST THREE TO FOUR MINUTES  
SPEAKING OF U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS. SPEAKING WITH  
EMPHASIS AND LOOKING AT ME FROM TIME TO TIME, HE  
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EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE GOOD RELATIONS AND

FRIENDSHIP OF THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES. HE SAID THAT THE ACTION OF THE SOVIET UNION CONCERNING THE 1972 AGREEMENTS WAS NOT INTENDED IN ANY WAY TO AFFECT THE GOOD RELATIONS AND FRIENDSHIP OF THE U.S. AND SOVIET UNION, OR TO AFFECT OR DIMINISH DETENTE. MENTIONING THE TRADE REFORM ACT, HE EXPRESSED HOPE AND BELIEF THAT THE "HOUSE" WOULD CHANGE ITS POSITION. BECAUSE OF THE INFORMALITY OF THE OCCASION, AND AS THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR'S COMMENTS WERE THE ONLY POLITICAL INTERVENTION IN THE OCCASION, I THOUGHT IT BEST NOT TO RESPOND BUT DECIDED TO THANK HIM IN PERSON FOR HIS STATEMENTS.

3. AS THE LUNCH ENDED, HE CAME DIRECTLY TO ME AND PROPOSED A TOAST. I RESPONDED, THANKING HIM FOR HIS STATEMENT, SAYING THAT I KNEW IT WAS APPRECIATED AND RECIPROCATED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE, AND THAT I HELD THE SAME VIEW. HE TOLD ME THAT HE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO MY CALL, WHICH I EXPECT WILL BE WITHIN A FEW DAYS. I THOUGHT IT SIGNIFICANT THAT YEFREMOV CHOSE AN AUDIENCE WITH A HIGH-RANKING GDR OFFICIAL PRESENT FOR THESE REMARKS ON OUR RELATIONS.COOPER

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